

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BEAUMONT DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**V.**

**CHRISTOPHER JAMES GARDNER**

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**CASE NO. 1:11-CR-52**

**MEMORANDUM ORDER  
ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION  
ON DEFENDANT’S GUILTY PLEA**

The Court referred this matter to the Honorable Zack Hawthorn, United States Magistrate Judge, for administration of a guilty plea under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Judge Hawthorn conducted a hearing in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 and issued his Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea Before the United States Magistrate Judge. The magistrate judge recommended that the Court accept the defendant’s guilty plea, but defer acceptance of the plea agreement until the Court has had an opportunity to review the plea agreement. He further recommended that the Court adjudge the defendant guilty as to Count One of the charging Indictment filed against the defendant.

The parties have not objected to the magistrate judge’s findings. The Court **ORDERS** that the Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea of the United States Magistrate Judge are **ADOPTED**. The Court accepts Defendant’s plea, but defers acceptance of the plea agreement until the Court has reviewed the presentence report.

It is further **ORDERED** that, in accordance with the defendant’s guilty plea and the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendation, the defendant, Christopher James Gardner, is

adjudged guilty as to Count One of the Indictment charging a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **23** day of **September, 2011**.

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Ron Clark, United States District Judge